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LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

TO THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Westfield,

LYDNEY, Glos.

January, 1946.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health of the  
Lydney District for the year 1945.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

C. O. CARSON

Acting Medical Officer of Health

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Public Health Staff

Acting Medical Officer of Health

C.O.Carson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

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Sanitary Inspector.

W.M.Richards, M.S.I.A.

Sanitary Inspector's Office,

Tutnalls,

LYDNEY, Glos. Tel. Lydney 182.

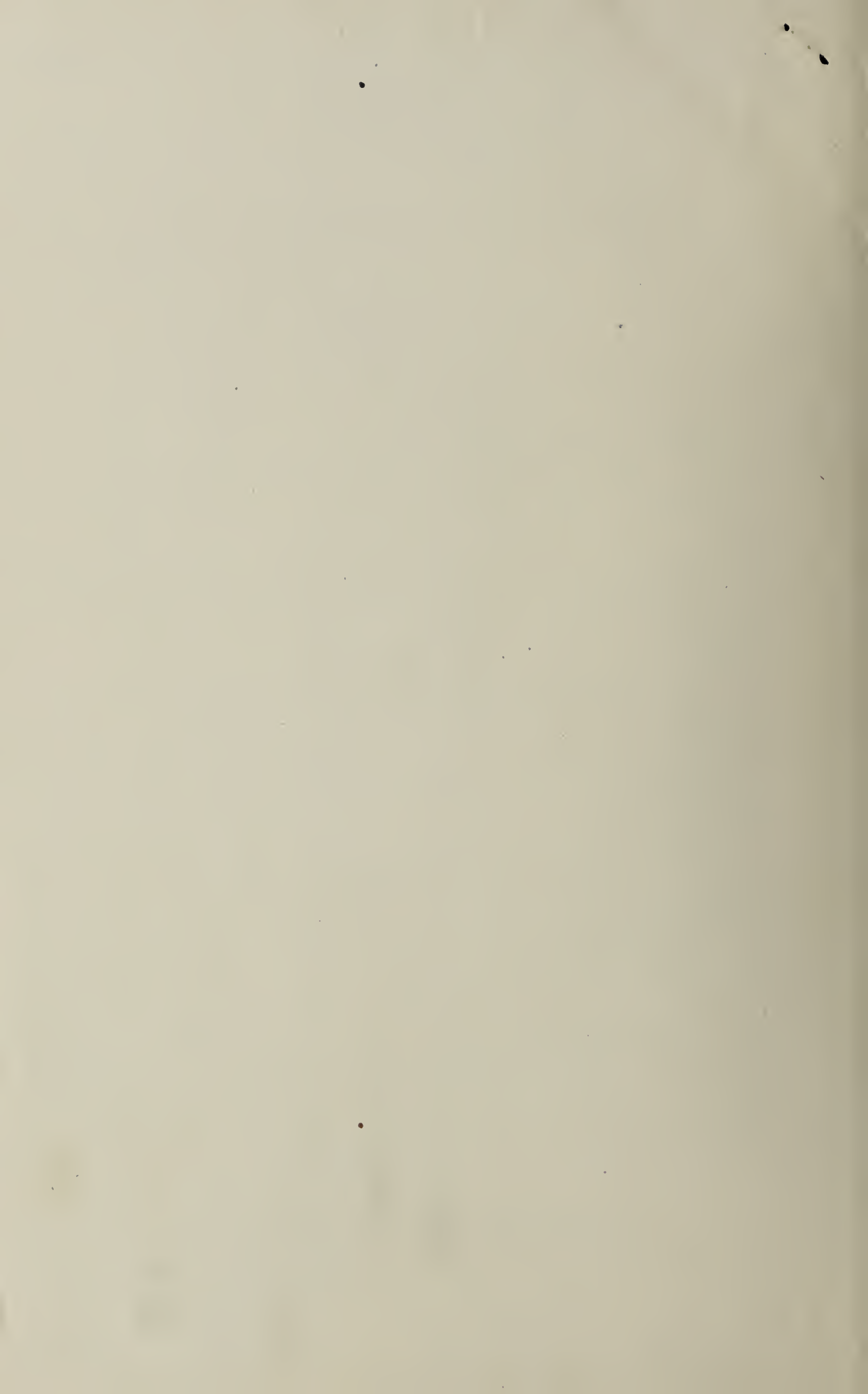
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Isolation Hospital.

ALVINGTON

Matron: Miss C.M.Arscott, S.R.N., S.C.M. Tel. Lydney, 102

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THE ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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During the year of 1945 there has been no serious epidemic of Infectious Fever in the Lydney Rural District. There was a small outbreak of Measles affecting the parishes of Lydney, St. Briavels and Tidenham, but the number of cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria was less than the previous year.

There has however been a rather alarming increase of the number of cases of both Pulmonary and Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis, due undoubtedly to the overcrowding and poor housing conditions of the district.

The system of Immunization by both School Medical Officers of the County Council and local Medical Practitioners has accounted for a high percentage of our children being immunized, and an absence of any Diphtheria epidemic.

The position of the milk supply to schools is not satisfactory as compared with the previous year. In my opinion all this milk should be Tuberculin Tested or better still "Tuberculin Tested" Pasteurized.

The problems of water supply and sewerage in the parishes of the Rural District other than Lydney still remain of paramount importance, second only to that of housing.

Yours faithfully,

C. O. CARSON

Acting Medical Officer of Health



# LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Composition of District:- The Parishes of Lydney, Aylburton, Alvington, Woolaston, Tidenham, St. Briavels and Hewelsfield.

## 1. General Statistics:- Area. (Acres) 24,544.

Population. (Census 1931) 10,824. (in 1945 estimated 10,123 )  
(excluding Beachley Mil. Camp.)

Number of inhabited houses. (Census 1931) 2,447

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1945) 2,932

Rateable Value. £60,759

Estimated product of a penny rate. £245.16. 6.

## 2. Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year:-

	Total	Male	Female
<u>Live Births.</u> (Legitimate	288	163	125
(Illegitimate	15	7	8
<u>Still Births.</u> (Legitimate	12	6	6
(Illegitimate	0	0	0
<u>Deaths</u>	113	61	52

Deaths from  
Puerperal Causes

No. 29. Puerperal Sepsis 0  
No. 30. Other Puerperal Causes 0.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	16
do. from Measles (all ages)	0
do. from Whooping-cough (all ages)	0
do. from Diarrhoea (all ages)	0

## 3. Notifiable Diseases during the Year :-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	19	11	0
Diphtheria	8	7 (civilian) 1 (non-civilian)	0
Measles	200	0	0
Whopping-cough	22	0	0
Pneumonia	2	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	0	0

Other Diseases notifiable locally.

Erysipelas	1	0	0
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Tuberculosis.

	<u>Total Cases</u> <u>Notified</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
(a) Pulmonary	(M. 13 (F. 3)	(M. 1 (F. 2)
Total	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>
(b) Non-pulmonary	(M. 3 (F. 7)	(M. 1 (F. 0)
Total	<u>10</u>	<u>1</u>

4. Sickness during the Year:- Measles the most prevalent infectious disease.

5. Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District:-

- (a) Gloucester Royal Infirmary
- (b) Bristol Royal Infirmary
- (c) Bristol General Hospital
- (d) Lydney & District Hospital
- (e) Dilke Hospital

6. Fever. Alvington Isolation Hospital. No. of Beds 20

7. Tuberculosis. Standish House Sanatorium.

8. Small-Pox. N.W.Glos. S.P.Hospital. No. of Beds 50

9. Maternity. Lydney & District Hospital.

School Clinics

Lydney & District Hospital. Tuesday 2 p.m.

Tuberculosis  
Dispensaries

ditto

Once Monthly.

Orthopaedic  
Clinics

ditto

Tuesday 10.30 a.m.

Ante-Natal Clinic

Lydney & District Hospital. 1st and 3rd  
Friday in Month.  
2 p.m.





## MORTALITY AT ALL AGES 1945 - LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Registrar-General's Index No.	Deaths in or belonging to Whole District at Subjoined Ages																												
	Causes of Deaths	SEX		AGES												LYDNEY PARISH	ALYBURTON "	ALVINGTON "	WOOLASTON "	TIDENHAM "	ST. BRIAVELS BROCKWICK PARISH	HEVELSFIELD PARISH	BEACHLEY MILITARY CAMP	ST. BRIAVELS NURSING HOME	LYDNEY DISTRICT HOSPITAL	Died in but not belonging to the District	Belonging to the District but died out	Inquests	Post Mortem
		M	F	At All Ages	Under 1 year	1 - 2 years	2 - 3 years	3 - 4 years	4 - 5 years	5 - 10 years	10 - 15 years	15 - 20 years	20 - 35 years	35 - 45 years	45 - 65 years														
7	Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	
10	Non-Pulmonary T.B.	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	
12	G-P - Insane - Tabes - Dorsalis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
13	Cancer (All Forms)	8	8	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	11	5	-	2	1	3	3	1	-	3	1	1	-	-	
14	Diabetis	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
15	Cerebral Haemorrhage	5	7	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	5	1	1	4	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	
16	Heart Disease	25	15	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	34	20	2	-	3	3	5	1	-	4	6	7	1	1	
18	Other Circulatory Diseases	4	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	2	1	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
19	Bronchitis	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	
20	Pneumonia (All Forms)	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	2	-	
21	Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
22	Septic Ulcer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	
24	Appendicitis	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	
25	Cirrhosis of Liver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
27	Other Digestive Disorders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
28	Acute and Chronic Nephritis	7	4	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	9	3	-	1	1	1	2	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	
29	Puerperal Sepsis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
30	Other Puerperal Causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
31	Congenital Debility	3	3	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	6	-	-	-	
32	Senility	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	
33	Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
34	Other Deaths Violence	5	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	4	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	4	2	1	
35	Other Defined Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	
TOTALS		61	52	113	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	15	80	41	4	4	7	18	12	4	-	1	18	23	30	8	6





INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1945 - LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR, 1945

DISEASES	S E X		CASES AND AGES													CASES AND PARISHES										TOTAL DEATHS	
	M	F	At All Ages	Under 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 4 years	4 to 5 years	5 to 10 years	10 to 15 years	15 to 20 years	20 to 35 years	35 to 45 years	45 to 65 years	65 years & upwards	LYDNEY	AYLBURTON	ALVINGTON	WOOLASTON	TIDENHAM	ST. BRIAVELS	HEWELSFIELD	BEACHLEY CAMP	MILITARY HOSPITAL	ALVINGTON HOSPITAL		
Diphtheria	3	5	8	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	1	51	-	7	-	1	7	-
Scarlet Fever	10	9	19	-	-	12	1	1	12	2	-	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	3	7	5	1	-	-	-	11	-
Whooping Cough	13	9	22	3	1	1	4	2	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	7	5	7	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	116	84	200	1	17	19	15	18	113	10	2	3	2	-	-	84	4	1	1	51	40	19	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrena	0	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebral S.M.	3	0	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	148	109	257	5	20	23	20	22	135	13	5	8	5	-	1	89	5	6	9	67	54	27	-	1	18	-	-



# INFANT MORTALITY IN LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT 1945

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LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1945

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 - 10	1	-	2	3	-	-	-	-
10 - 15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15 - 20	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
25 - 35	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	3	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
45 - 55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	13	3	3	7	1	2	1	-



Sanitary Inspector's Office,  
Tutnalls,  
LYDNEY, Glos.

January, 1946.

To the Chairman & Members of the Lydney Rural District Council

Sir, Ladies & Gentlemen,

"ANNUAL REPORT"

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report for the Year 1945.

HOUSING

54 inspections were made during the year. Improvements to 18 houses were carried out, 9 by owner occupiers.

In addition a large number of minor defects were remedied following informal action.

In the case of 27 houses where the housing standard is still low it was only possible to insist on the repairs that would render them wind and weatherproof.

Several cases of overcrowding were relieved during the year, but with the return of large numbers of men and women from the forces the position is steadily getting worse.

Clearance Orders:- Nos. 35 & 37 Albert Street, Lydney, were demolished during the year. (Clearance Order, 1938)

In accordance with Circular 2157 from the Ministry of Health the Council renewed the six-month licences granted to owners of the following properties:-

Nos. 2, 3 & 4 Swan Row, Woolaston  
Knoll Bungalow, Woolaston.  
Nos. 1 & 5, Red Lion Court, Tidenham

Rural Housing Survey.

With the help of my Assistant Mr.W.D.H.Kear, the Rural Housing Survey was commenced on 1st October, 1945, and the number of houses surveyed up to the 1st December, 1945, was 414. All these houses were included in categories 1 and 2. Out of this total there were 19 cases of overcrowding.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE. (Civilian)

Parish	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Isolated at Home	Removed to Hospital	Total
LYDNEY	3	-	-	3	3
ALVINGTON	-	2	-	2	2
WOOLASTON	3	5	-	8	8
TIDENHAM	7	-	5	2	7
ST.BRIAVELS	5	-	3	2	5
HEWELSFIELD	1	-	-	1	1
TOTALS	19	7	8	18	26

All Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria patients removed to hospital were treated at the Alvington Isolation Hospital.





# INFECTIOUS DISEASE (Contd.)

Other Civilian Notifications were :-

Parish	Measles	Whooping-cough	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Puerperal Pyrexia	Cerebro-Spinal-Fever	Total
Lydney	84	-	1	-	-	1	86
Aylburton	4	1	-	-	-	-	5
Alvington	1	2	1	-	-	-	4
Woolaston	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tidenham	51	7	-	-	1	-	59
St.Briavels	40	5	-	1	1	2	49
Hewelsfield	19	7	-	-	-	-	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>230</b>

One patient suffering from Cerebro-Spinal-Fever was removed to the City General Hospital, Gloucester.

(Non-civilian) Notifications received from Military Authorities were :-

DIPHTHERIA 1:      TUBERCULOSIS 1:      =      TOTAL 2.

All patients were removed to the Military Hospital.

## DISINFECTION OF PREMISES

Scarlet Fever & Diphtheria	27
Measles	69
Erysipelas	1
Tuberculosis	15
Other Defined Diseases	9
Verminous Premises	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><b>124</b></u>

Methods of disinfection used:- Formaldenhyde Spray: Lawes' "Formagen Generators" and Zaldecide Liquid Fumigant.

## Water

Number of Water-Samples submitted to the Public Analyst:-

Lydney 8:    Pumping Station 2:    Aylburton 2:    Woolaston 1

Hewelsfield 1.    =    Total 14.

For Private Owners:    Lydney 2.    Tidenham 1.    Total 3.

Improvements were carried out to 8 Public Wells

## Cowsheds & Dairies

Under the Milk & Dairies Order, 1926, 33 milk samples were taken from non-designated premises and submitted for analysis.

Summary of the Reports are as follows :-

14 Milk Samples, No. B. Coli.present:	Number of Bacteria per 1 c.c. varied from 6,700 to 49,300
5 Milk Samples, B. Coli. present in 1 c.c.	Number of Bacteria per 1 c.c. varied from 16,700 to 85,000
6 Milk Samples, B.Coli. present in 1/10 c.c.	Number of Bacteria per 1 c.c. varied from 10,800 to 720,000
4 Milk Samples, B.Coli. present in 1/100 c.c.	Number of Bacteria per 1 c.c. varied from 31,000 to 93,000
4 Milk Samples, B.Coli. present in 1/1000 c.c.	Number of Bacteria per 1 c.c. varied from 92,000 to 176,000.





# COWSHEDS & DAIRIES.

Improvements were carried out to 6 Cowsheds and Dairies.

The standard of milk production in the area remains fairly satisfactory. Complaints were received of sour milk being returned to the producers, this was caused by poor production methods and transport difficulties.

## Milk (Special Designations) Orders, 1936-43.

Number of "Tuberculin Tested" milk licences on the Register at the end of 1944.	14
Number of "Accredited" milk licences on the Register at the end of 1944.	19
Total	<u>33</u>
Number of "Tuberculin Tested" milk licences issued by the County Council during 1945.	5
Number of "Accredited" Milk licences issued by the County Council during 1944.	0
Number of "Accredited" licences substituted for "Tuberculin Tested" licences during 1945.	2
<u>Total number on Register for 1945.</u>	
"Tuberculin Tested" milk licences	21
"Accredited" milk licences	16
Total	<u>37</u>

## SCHOOL MILK.

The Table below gives in detail the Milk supplied to Schools, and the number of milk samples taken and submitted for analysis by the County Council and the Lydney Rural District Council.

School:	Milk Supplied	<u>Samples Taken</u>		Total
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	
All Lydney Schools	Non-designated	8	13	21
Alyburton	"Tuberculin-Tested"	3	0	3
Alvington	Non-designated	2	1	3
Woolaston	"Tuberculin-Tested"	2	0	2
Tidenham	"Tuberculin-Tested"	6	0	6
St. Briavels	"Tuberculin-Tested"	2	0	2
Hewelsfield	"Accredited"	0	3	3
Total taken by Council Council		<u>23</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>40</u>
Lydney	Non-designated	10	6	16
Alvington	Non-designated	1	0	1
Total taken by Lydney R.D.C.		<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>17</u>



MEAT REGULATIONS.

The following number of animals were slaughtered and the carcasses inspected for disease:-

Ministry of Food Slaughter-House, Church Road, Lydney, Glos.

Cattle 623: Calves 521: Sheep & Lambs 2643: Pigs 63. Total 3,850

Number of Pigs slaughtered on Unlicensed Premises were:- 554

Note:- The Lydney Food Executive Officer issued 554 licences to self-suppliers

The amount of meat condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption was :-

Cattle:

One Carcase of Beef affected with Generalised Tuberculosis	740 lbs.
One Carcase of Veal affected with do. do.	62 "
Seven Forequarters of Beef affected with Tuberculosis	1,122 "
Beef offal affected with Tuberculosis	136 "
36 Ox Heads affected with Tuberculosis	1,122 "
11 Ox livers affected with Tuberculosis	124 "
57 Sets of Ox Lungs affected with Tuberculosis	569 "
110 Ox livers affected with Fluke	1,444 "
One emaciated Carcase of Beef	332 "
One Bruised Carcase of Beef	344 "
Leg of Bruised Beef	30 "
Shin of Bruised Beef	20 "
Total ...	<u><u>6,045 lbs.</u></u>

Sheep:

Two Emaciated carcasses of lamb	37 lbs
231 Sheep livers affected with Fluke & Echinococcus	501 "
26 Sheep Plucks affected with Strongylosis	91 "
Bruised Mutton	35 "
Total ...	<u><u>664 lbs.</u></u>

Pigs:

Two Pig's Heads affected with Tuberculosis	47 lbs.
Four Bruised Legs of Pork	43 "
One Pig's Pluck affected with Pneumonia	2 "
Total ...	<u><u>92 lbs.</u></u>

Total amount of meat condemned during the year was:- 6,801 lbs.

Other Foodstuffs condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption were :-

1,129 Tins of various foodstuffs	
62 lbs. of cheese	
1,404 Canadian Shell Eggs	
4½ lbs. of Margarine	
24 lbs. of Butter (National)	
246 lbs. of Bacon	
19¾ lbs. of Brawn.	
60 lbs. of Sultanas: 25 lbs. Dried Apricots:	
15½ lbs. Dates: 301 lbs. Canadian Apples: 359 Lemons:	
16 lbs. Prunes: 278 lbs. oranges; 870 lbs. Cake:	
12 Doz. Bars of Chocolate: 276 lbs. Dried Egg:	
(Fish) 400 Fish Cakes: 9 stone Cod fillet: 5 stone Megrimes:	
2 stone White Haddock: 6 stone Cured Haddock: 4-¼ cran	
boxes of Herrings: 2 Boxes Mackerel: 16 stone Kippers	





## MEAT REGULATIONS (contd.)

With regard to the question of Meat Inspection, a very important matter will have to be considered by the Council in the near future, and that is the existence of ten private slaughter-houses in the district.

Before the war it was impossible for me to be always present at times of slaughter, owing to the varying times of slaughter in the several slaughter-houses, the fact that the premises are spread throughout the district, and also because of other and often more important duties.

As you are aware the slaughter-houses are improperly situated, the apparatus is out of date, and complaints were often received of the noise, smell, sounds and sights normally associated with such buildings. Humane slaughtering is often at a minimum owing to the absence of proper control.

In my opinion private slaughter-houses do not tend to limit the traffic in diseased meat or to a thorough examination of all meat for disease.

I would like to suggest that the Council consider building a Public Abattoir, so that all private slaughter-houses can be closed. The advantages are many, it would remove nuisances from the neighbourhood of dwelling houses, it removes putrefiable matters from sewers, protects meat from liability to exposure from foul matter, it ensures thorough examination of all meat, the animals are slaughtered with the minimum amount of cruelty, modern appliances and labour saving machinery are generally in use, and a better degree of cleanliness is attained. The public have far more confidence in such a meat supply, and meat is less liable to spoil because it is slaughtered and cooled under better conditions.

I consider that the time has now arrived when the Council should give serious thought to the provision of a Public Abattoir.

The following analysis may give an indication of the respective merits of Private Slaughter-houses and a Public Abattoir.

### Figures for period 30th June 1930 - 31st December 1939.

Number of carcasses inspected on licensed premises	6,661
Number do. Unlicensed premises	1,090
Amount of meat condemned ...	<u>10,677 lbs.</u>

Since 1st January 1940, the Ministry of Food has taken over the slaughter-house at Church Road, Lydney, the other nine private slaughter-houses being temporarily closed.

### Figures for period 1st January 1940 - 31st December 1945.

Number of carcasses inspected at Ministry of Food Slaughter-house	31,526
Number of animals slaughtered on Unlicensed premises	<u>3,228</u>
TOTAL	<u>34,754</u>
Amount of meat condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption was:-	49,501 lbs.

You will of course notice that during the war with the use of one slaughter-house the supervision has been greater than during the previous 9 years when there were ten slaughter-houses in use.





RATS & MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919

THE INFESTATION ORDER, 1943.

S.R. & O. No. 680

In accordance with the above a Survey of the Lydney Sewers was carried out during the months of April and May so as to ascertain the degree of rat infestation.

As the result of this survey it was decided after consultation with the County Pests Officer that the infested parts of the sewer system at Newerne Street; Regent Street; Swan Lane; Factory Lane and Football Field should be treated.

Therefore a Map and Scheme <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ prepared and approved by the Ministry of Food for the destruction of rats at an approximate cost of £25.14. 8.

This work was carried out during the months of September and October by operators from the Pests Dept. Gloucester, in co-operation with myself and two workmen from the Engineer & Surveyor's department.

I should like to add that the number of rats destroyed was negligible, and the report from the Regional Office, Bristol, was most gratifying.

Complaints received of rat and mice infestation from occupiers of premises were forwarded to the Pests Dept. Gloucester. Inspections carried out by the staff of that department numbered 1,047, and the number of infestations found was 51.

The following is the number of Contracts entered into between the Pests Department, Gloucester, and the occupiers of premises in the Lydney area:-

Premises in Built-up areas	35
Agricultural Premises	15
Total	<u>50</u>

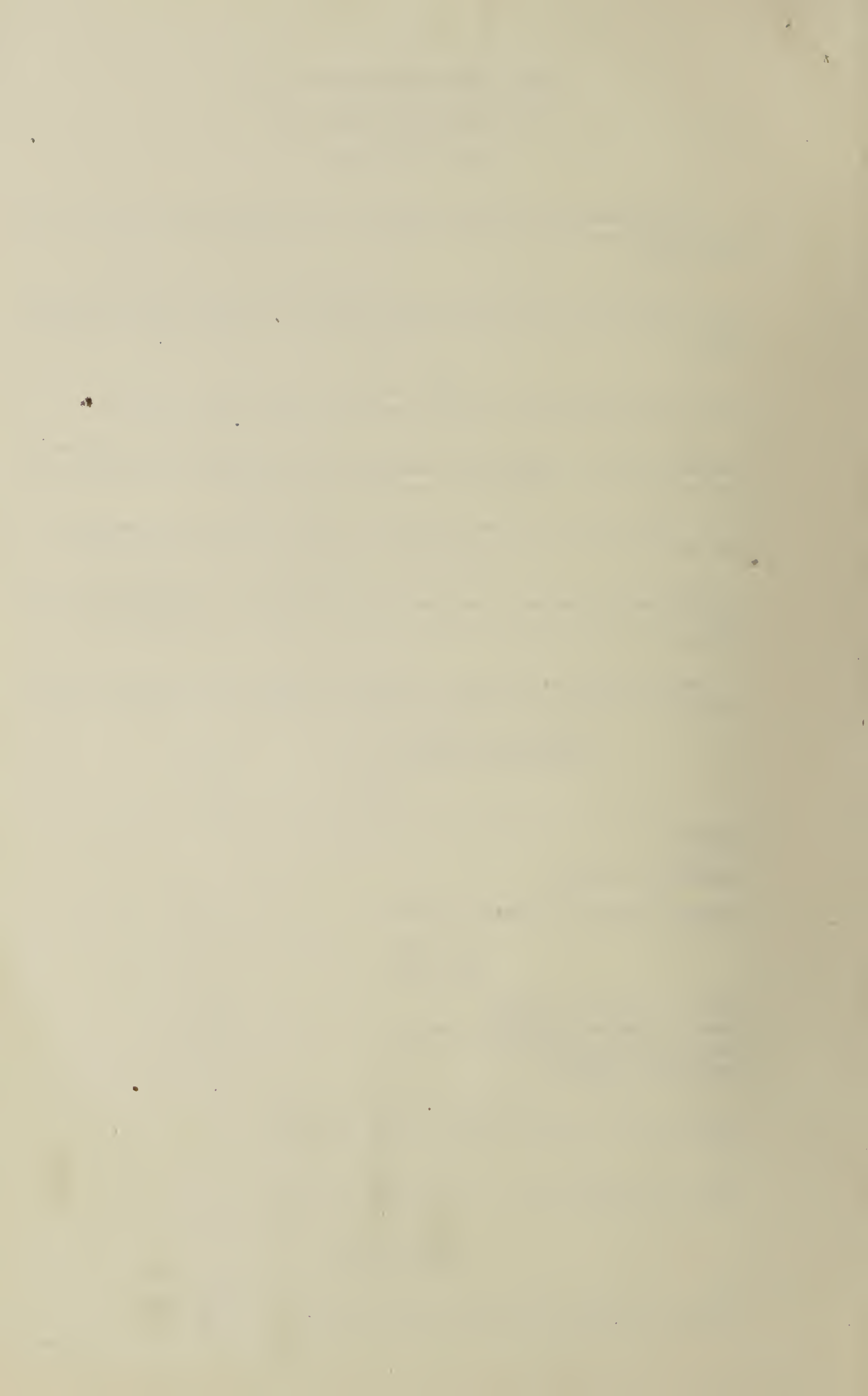
General:-

Complaints received :-

Nuisances reported to District Council	49
(a) Total	49
(b) Swine	0
Number of nuisances abated	47
Number of preliminary notices served	49
Statutory notices served	0
Convictions obtained	0
Nuisances unabated	2
Number of earth closets or privy vaults abolished for W.C's	3
Number of earth closets or privy vaults abolished for pail privies	3

Petroleum Acts.

Number of licences granted by the Council under the Petroleum Acts, for storage of Petroleum Spirit were:- 24



Number inspected of each of the following :-

Premises or Occupations subject to Statutory Control.

Under the Shops Act, 1934.

(a) Butchers Shops 11: (b) Grocers Shops 38: Other Trades 37:

Number of visits and inspections:- 135.

	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Number Inspected</u>	<u>Total number of Inspections</u>
Slaughter-houses	10	1	197
Dairies; Cowsheds & Milkshops.	126	95	139
Bakehouses	14	12	24
Factories	11	11	22
Workshops	37	37	61

LYDNEY SHIPPING, 1945.

Amount of Shipping Entering The Port during the Year 1945.

COASTWISE

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>	<u>Number reported to be defective</u>	<u>No. of Vessels on which defects were remedied</u>	<u>Number inspected by San. Insp.</u>
Steamers	66	4,469	0	0	3
"Motors"	379	23,350	0	0	5
Sailing	253	12,128	0	0	11
Fishing	0	0	0	0	0
Total Coastwise	698	39,947	0	0	19

"Includes mechanically propelled vessels other than steamers"

I beg to remain,

Sir, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. M. RICHARDS

(Sanitary Inspector)



